

**Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice
and the
Michigan Department of Human Services
Present**

**The 12th Annual Governor's Task Force
on Children's Justice Summit
on
Child Abuse and Neglect**

"Identifying Strategies for Success"

October 26, 2006 - October 27, 2006



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OBJECTIVE:

To provide judges, attorneys, human services professionals, and policy makers with information about children's needs and services.

LEARNING OUTCOME:

Enhanced knowledge of ways to support and protect children.

SPEAKERS:

Professionals with extensive experience and developed expertise in child development, and those who provide care and legal services for abused and/or neglected children.

CONFERENCE SITE AND ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS:

The conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort. Participants wishing to make overnight accommodations at their own expense may call the Grand Traverse Resort at 1-800-968-7352. To obtain the hotel's conference rate, you must indicate you are attending the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice Summit. A block of guest rooms for this conference will be held until September 25, 2006.

REGISTRATION/CONFERENCE FEES:

There is no charge to attend this summit. The summit is sponsored by The Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice and the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Quantity: 900
Cost: \$ 484.26 (\$.54 ea.)
Authority: DHS Director

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Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006 and Friday, Oct. 27, 2006**

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Thursday, October 26, 2006

10:00 am - 11:30 am	Registration
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch (Provided) and networking
1:00 pm - 1:10 pm	Welcome, The Honorable Elizabeth A. Weaver, Justice, Michigan Supreme Court, Introduction of Director Udow
1:10 pm - 1:25 pm	Director Marianne Udow
1:25 pm - 2:00 pm	James Hennessey, Deputy Director, Children's Services Administration, Department of Human Services on "Current issues affecting practice in Child Abuse and Neglect"
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm	The Honorable Linda Hallmark, Chief Judge, Oakland County Probate Court, Introduction of Geoffrey Canada
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Geoffrey Canada
4:30 pm	Booksigning by Geoffrey Canada

DAY TWO: Friday, October 27, 2006

7:30 am - 8:15 am	Continental Breakfast
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Betty Ruud of Kids-TALK
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Janice Strozier of DHS; Susan Kelly of the Center for the Study of Social Policy; and Dan Cowan, Consultant to DHS from the Annie E. Casey Foundation on the Family to Family Program
9:15 am	The Honorable Linda Hallmark, Introduction of Victor Rivas Rivers
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Victor Rivas Rivers
11:30 am	Conclusion by The Honorable Linda Hallmark
12:00 pm	Booksigning by Victor Rivas Rivers

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Marianne Udow, Director Department of Human Services



Marianne Udow was appointed FIA/DHS Director by Governor Jennifer Granholm effective January 12, 2004. The Department of Human Services directs the operations of public assistance and service programs through a network of local offices. DHS programs include temporary cash assistance, food assistance, childcare, child support enforcement, medical assistance, adoption and foster care services, domestic violence services, juvenile justice services and adult and children's protective services.

Prior to her appointment, she served as Senior Vice President of Health Care Products and Provider Services for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. She was also the former Senior Vice President of Plans and Operations for Mercy Alternative and Care Choices. She has a master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

In addition to her longstanding commitment to improving the quality and affordability of health care, Marianne is a passionate advocate for improving the lives of the poor with a special emphasis on children, including a focus on early childhood development. She has served on many boards and commissions. Among others, her current board involvement includes the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Children's Trust Fund, Michigan State Housing Authority, School of Public Health Dean's Advisory Committee and Freedom from Hunger. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Anti-Defamation League's "Woman of Achievement Award", Crain's Detroit Business top 100 "Most Influential Women", the Wayne State College of Nursing "2003 Lifeline Award" and a 2006 honoree for Women & Leadership in the Workplace sponsored by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

**James A. Hennessey, Deputy Director
Children's Services Administration
Department of Human Services**



James Hennessey was appointed deputy director for the Children's Services Administration with Michigan Department of Human Services effective August 29, 2005. James is responsible for administration and field services in the foster care, children's protective services, adoption, and community support services programs, and has administrative oversight of the independent Children's Trust Fund.

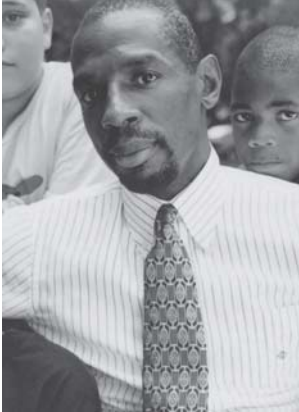
Prior to his appointment, James was the vice president of Denver-based Policy Studies Inc., which provides consulting services to state governments in health, human services, and justice. James spent three years in Michigan as the contract executive for a consulting project in the DHS Office of Child Support, where his team worked with state and county leaders to strengthen the state's child support program. He performed similar duty in Connecticut, Illinois, and California, and was responsible for certain training and technical assistance projects with the federal Office of Child Support enforcement. James also helped the Department of Human Services administer applications for Michigan's MICHild health care program.

For three decades prior, Hennessey worked for the Iowa Department of Human Services in a number of positions of ascending importance and responsibility. He was chief of its Bureau of Collections for 10 years, responsible for directing the Iowa child support program. He was the department's legislative liaison from 1984-87, manager of the state's children's protective services program from 1979-84, and a regional protective services supervisor for three months in 1979. He worked for a private children's services agency as a direct care worker, social worker, and division director from 1975-1979.

James holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Northern Iowa.

Geoffrey Canada

Educator/Children's Advocate



Geoffrey Canada has a radical new idea: if you really want to change the lives of inner-city kids, change everything all at once—their schools, families, and neighborhoods. As President and CEO of the revolutionary Harlem Children's Zone in New York City, he has dedicated the past 20 years of his life to helping the most impoverished, at-risk youth beat the odds. Radically ambitious and startlingly simple, Canada's programs are on the cutting edge of preventing youth violence and fostering community development.

What Canada has done for a 24 block neighborhood in Harlem has been groundbreaking, and replicated in communities across the country. Through programs such as the Beacon School, Community Pride Initiative, Harlem Gems, Harlem Peacemakers, and the Promise Academy, a new generation of charter school, he has developed a network of services that reach most of the 6,500 children and their families living in the Harlem Children's Zone.

The acclaimed author of *Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America* and *Reaching Up for Manhood*, a moving vision of hope for young boys, Canada is also East Coast Coordinator for the Black Community Crusade for Children.

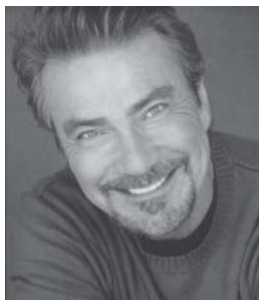
Canada knows inner-city life firsthand. Having grown up in the south Bronx, he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Recently, Canada was honored with the prestigious McGraw Prize for Education. In his vibrant, hands-on presentation, he teaches communities about improving the lives of today's youths, one child at a time.

Betty L. Ruud
Program Director
Kids-TALK (Talking and Listening to Kids)

Betty L. Ruud has a Masters of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Wayne State University. Betty is Program Director for The Guidance Center, a nonprofit child advocacy program in Wayne County for abused children called Kids-TALK (Talking and Listening to Kids). Kids-TALK handles cases of alleged sexual abuse by an adult (17 years of age or older) involving children 12 years of age and under. Kids-TALK provides a specially trained child forensic interviewer to conduct the interview pursuant to State of Michigan protocol in a child-friendly environment. In collaboration with law enforcement, the Department of Human Services, and the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Kids-TALK has interviewed 2,500 children since it opened June 1, 2001.

Victor Rivas Rivers

Actor/Former NFL Players



When Victor Rivas Rivers was 12 years old, he went to the police to report a lifetime of crime inflicted upon a child - himself. Though the officers were horrified at the abuse they saw, they told the boy there was little they could do. It was, they said, a private family matter.

When the violence became unbearable, Rivers took the unprecedented step against his father to free himself from his life of despair. Miraculously, seven families stepped forward, along with teachers and coaches, to raise him, empowering him on his road from gang member to class president. "I am the child the village raised," Rivers has said.

Rivers went on to be drafted by the Miami Dolphins and to become a successful actor. In his best-selling memoir, *A Private Family Matter*, Rivers recounts his incredible journey - a story told with unflinching honesty and riveting detail. Rivers has also been featured in the acclaimed PBS documentary *Breaking the Silence: Journeys of Hope*.

What makes Rivers' presentation unique is that few men speak out about family violence. As the spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, he clearly articulates the damages done to those abused, the impact it has on every aspect of life, and what individuals and communities can do to help combat the problem.

Now a father himself, he has broken the cycle of violence. An extraordinarily compelling speaker graced with an indomitable spirit, he has been called "A big man - in heart and soul."

**From Cleveland and Detroit:**

Take I-75 north through Saginaw, until you reach M-72. Go west on M-72 at the Grayling exit, then approximately 30-35 miles through Kalkaska into Acme. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. Resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From Lansing:

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From Cherry Capital Airport:

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Lunch 12:00 pm
Program 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday, October 27, 2006
Program 8:15 am - 12:00 pm

Name: _____

Title/Agency/Profession: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

*E-mail address: _____

*Required for registration confirmation

_____ Yes I will be attending lunch on Thursday, October 26, 2006, free of charge.

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